(*d*) The preliminary project was modified after inspection by the Superintending Engineer so as to provide for sufficient length of feeder channel and to restore 35 tanks fed by this project.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The atchkatdars of Shimoga taluk did not execute mutchalikas agreeing to pay the required contribution earlier.

(*g*) Atchkatdars of 17 tanks have executed mutchalikas The atchkatdars of two tanks have stated that they have adequate supply even now and that they can pay a contribution of Rs. 10 only per acre.

(*h*) Detailed surveys will be necessary to find out if the tanks referred to can be fed from the proposed *anecut*.

A statement showing the tanks that can be benefited in Kumsi Sub-taluk is appended.

(*i*) Preparation of the detailed project is being expedited. Action will be taken in the matter as early as possible.

PATEL HALAPPA (Harihar—Rural).—

Q.—170. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether has been a survey regarding the extent of indebtedness of the raiyats in the State ; if so, the amount of indebtedness ;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken up any measures to remove the indebtedness ; if so, what they are ; whether the raiyats have been benefited by such measures ?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (*Rajasevaprasakta* B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

A.—(*a*) No. regular survey of the whole State has been held. The Agriculturists' Relief Committee appointed in 1934 have roughly estimated the total indebtedness at about 35 crores of rupees.

(*b*) The following are some of the measures which have been adopted :—

(1) Expansion of the Co-operative Movement and establishment of Land Mortgage Banks
(2) Enactment of the Agriculturists' Relief Act and the Money-Lenders Act.
(3) Passing of the Debt Conciliation Act and the establishment of Debt Conciliation Boards.
(4) Grant of takavi and land improvement loans.
(5) Establishment of Marketing Societies.
(6) Supply of manure, improved varieties of seeds, etc., by the Agricultural Department.

MR. B. D'SOUZA (Indian Christian).—

Q.—172. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) (i) the number of official witnesses examined in all the criminal courts during, the year 1940–41, and

(ii) the amount of batta paid to them ;

(*b*) (i) the number of non-official witnesses examined in all the criminal courts during the year 1940–41, and

(ii) the amount of batta paid to them ;

(*c*) the probable amount of money that will be required to pay batta to all non-official witnesses in criminal cases ;